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L A W S O F T E X A S :

CONTAINING THE LAWS IN FORCE,

AND

T H E R E P E A L E D L A W S

ON WHICH RIGHTS REST,

FROM 1864 TO 1872,

CAREFULLY ANNOTATED.

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ceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisoned in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding three years.

CHAPTER IV.—RIOTS AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES AT ELECTIONS, VIOLENCE USED TOWARDS ELECTORS.

11 July, 1870. Art. 6476 for caption.

ART. 6485. [28] Any person who may, by threats, intimidation, or violence, resist or impede a registrar, or board of appeals or revision, in the discharge of their duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be punished by fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment of not less than sixty days, or more than six months, in the county jail.

Punishment of threats and intimidation impeding registration. Art. 6684.

ART 6486. [28] Any registrar who, by violence or threats, is impeded in the discharge of his duty, shall report the same to the sheriff, who shall furnish a sufficient force to enable him to proceed in the discharge of his duty.

Registrars to report violence.

ART. 6487. [38] Any person or persons who shall disturb the registrars or boards of revision in the full and fair discharge of their duties, by acts of intimidation, by inciting or encouraging a tumult or mob, or who shall cause such disturbance, or encourage, or abet any tumult, mob, or violence in the vicinity of any place of registry, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding two years, nor less than six months

Disturbers of registrars punished.

ART. 6488. [46] (cl. 1) Any person who shall, by threats of discharge from employment, of withholding wages, or of proscription in business, influence, or attempt to influence, any voter in the casting of his vote at any election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, one-half of which shall go to the informer, and the other half to the school fund of the state, and by imprisonment in the county prison for not less than three months.

Fine or imprisonment.

Intimidation of voter by threats punished as misdemeanor. Art. 1893.

ART. 6489. [43] (cl. 2) Any person who shall discharge from his employment any laborer, employé, tenant, or mechanic, who shall have been working for such person under contract, written or oral, for a specified time, before such time shall have expired, or who shall withhold from any laborer, employé, tenant, or mechanic, any part of the wages due to such laborer, employé, tenant, or mechanic, on account of any vote which such laborer, employé, tenant, or mechanic has given, or purposes to give, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, one-half of which shall go to the informer, and the other half to the school fund of the state, and by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months.

Fine not less than \$500, and 3 months imprisonment.

Punishment for discharging laborer on account of his vote; made a misdemeanor, and punished by

fine not less than \$500 and 3 months' imprisonment.

ART. 6490. [55] (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry any gun, pistol, bowie-knife, or other dangerous weapon, concealed or unconcealed, on any day of election, during the hours the polls are open, within a distance of one half mile of any place of election. **(2)** Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the county jail for not less

Carrying weapons at election punished. Art. 1891.

Penalty for violating this section.

Officers of elec-
tion and police
exempted.

than one month: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any officer of the election, police officer, or other person authorized to preserve the peace on the days of election.

Selling liquor on
days of election.

ART. 6491. [56] No person shall give, sell, or barter any spirituous or intoxicating liquor to any person on the days of election; and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, which shall go to the school fund.

School fund.

15 Aug., 1870; art.
6481 for caption.
Disturbing elec-
tion by mob pun-
ished.
Arts. 1891-1894.

ART. 6492. [49] Any person or persons who shall disturb an election, by inciting or encouraging a tumult or mob, or shall cause such disturbance in the vicinity of any poll or voting place, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, nor less than two hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding two years, nor less than six months.

11 July, 1870. Art.
6476 for caption.

CHAPTER V.—MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AFFECTING THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

Alterations,
changes, and mu-
tilations of regis-
tration books
punished by fine
or imprisonment.
Art. 1900.

ART. 6493. [26] If any person shall alter, change, mutilate, or in any manner deface any book of registration, or shall take and carry away the same from the office of the clerk of the district court, registrar, or judge of election, or other place where the same may be lawfully deposited, or from the lawful possession of any person whomsoever, with intent to destroy, suppress, alter, or conceal, or in any wise mutilate or destroy the same, so as to prevent the lawful use of such book or books of registration, such person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as prescribed in section twenty-five of this act.

Art. 6480.

Punishment for
false registration
and illegal vot-
ing.
Perjury.
Art. 1898.

ART. 6494. [32] (cl. 1) Any person who shall take and subscribe the registration oath falsely shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided by law for the crime of perjury, and any person who shall knowingly and willfully vote, or attempt to vote, upon the registration certificate of another, or of one who may be dead, shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of five hundred dollars, and in default thereof shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding one year.

Penalty.

Giving false name
punished by fine
or imprison-
ment.

ART. 6495. [32] (cl. 2) Any person giving a false name, with intent to deceive a registrar, shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined in a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars, or be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one year.

15 Aug., 1870.
Art. 6481 for cap-
tion.
Disturbing bal-
lots punished by
fine or imprison-
ment.

ART. 6496. [47] Any person not authorized by this law to receive or count ballots at an election, who shall, during or after any election, and before the votes have been counted by the judges of election, disturb, displace, conceal, destroy, handle, or touch any ballot, after the same has been received from the voter by the judge of election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than six months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

At discretion.

Repeaters pun-
ished by fine and
imprisonment.
Art. 1897.

ART. 6497. [48] Any person who shall vote, or attempt to vote, more than once at the same election, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be pun-